AMENDED CLAIMS

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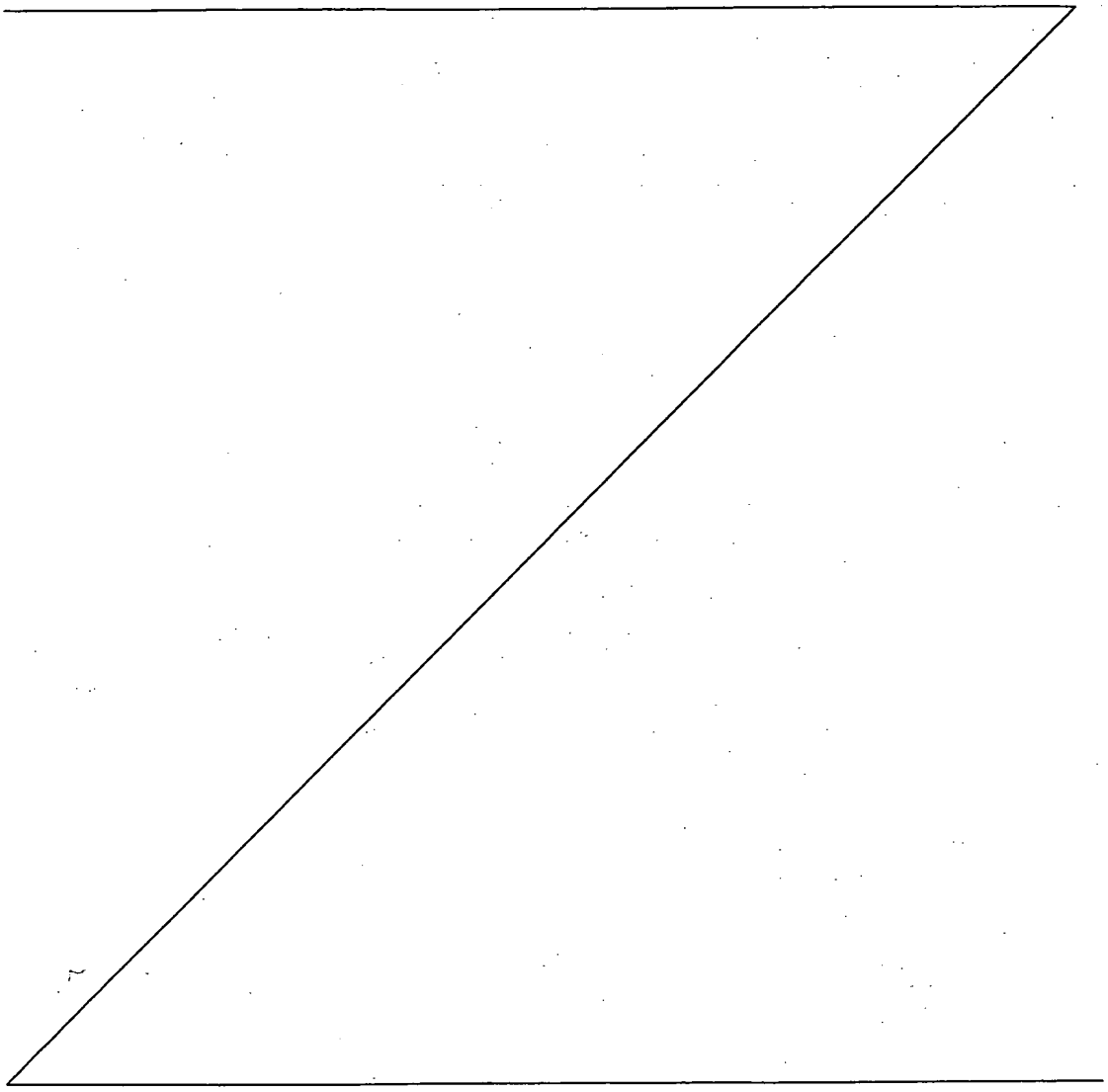
Claims 22-23 replaced by Claims 22-25 (pages 28 and 29)



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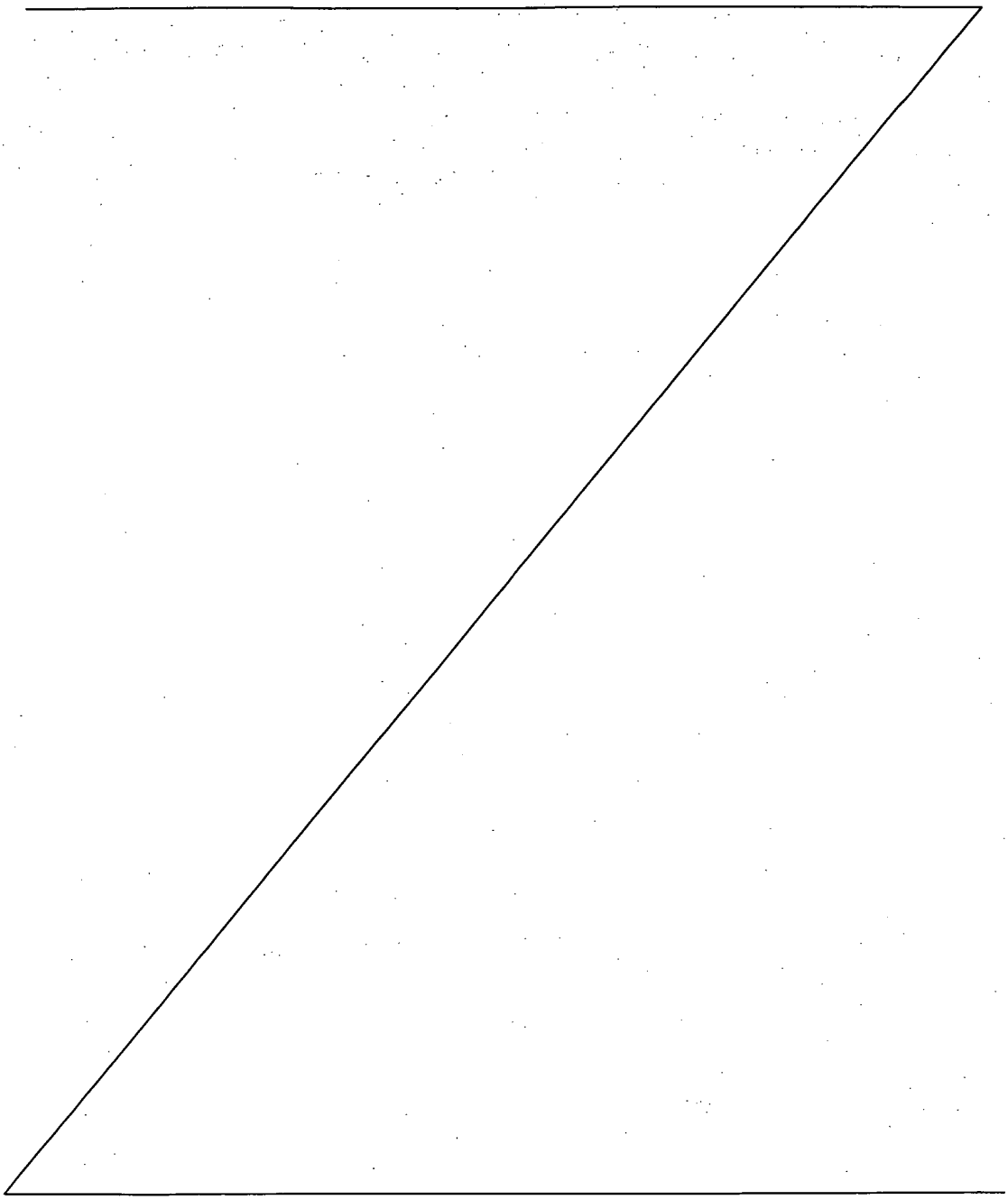
23. Process for preparing a composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the bioactive substance, optionally in aqueous solution, is added to the mixture consisting of the organogelling substance and the hydrophobic organic solvent.

24. Process for preparing a composition according to Claim 3, which consists in
- dissolving the organogelling substance in the hydrophilic organic solvent, and then in incorporating the bioactive substance and the hydrophobic organic solvent.

25. Process according to Claim 24, characterized in that when the bioactive substance is sparingly soluble or insoluble in the organic phase, an aqueous solution of the said substance is dispersed with stirring into the organic phase consisting of the organogelling substance and the hydrophilic organic solvent.



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